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SUBJ: N'GOUABI VISIT TO SENEGAL

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1. IN JAN 22 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, CABINET
DIRECTOR YOUSSEPH SYLLA COMMENTED ON JAN 11 TO 15
VISIT OF CONGOLESE PRESIDENT MARIEN N'GOUABI TO SENEGAL.
SYLLA NOTED FIRST THAT ALTHOUGH VISIT
RETURNED PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S VISIT OF LAST FEBRUARY, ITS
OCCURRENCE AT THIS TIME WAS RESULT OF CONGOLESE
INVITATIVE. SYLLA SAID VISIT HAD BEGUN WELL AND
N'GOUABI AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAD PARTED ON EXCELLENT
TERMS. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND
AN AIRPORT DISPUTE BETWEEN SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER
ASSANE SECK AND CONGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER
DAVID GANAO OVER JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH PROMPTED SYLLA
TO COMMENT THAT GANAO WAS TRYING TO PROVE HIMSELF TO
HIS COMPATRIOTS AS A RADICAL.

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2. WITH REGARD TO CABINDA, SYLLA REPORTED N'GOUABI AS

HAVING SAID CONGO RECOGNIZED IT AS PART OF ANGOLA
BUT WOULD NOT TOLERATE ANY THIRD PARTY (READ ZAIRE)
TRYING TO EXTEND ITS INFLUENCE THERE.

3. SYLLA RELIEVED N'GOUABI BECOMING AWARE OF NECESSITY
FOR CONGO TO BREAK OUT OF ITS ISOLATION AND TO SEEK
FRIENDS AND SUPPORT AMONG OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS. HE
AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR'S OBSERVATION THAT N'GOUABI MAY
BE DISENCHANTED WITH LIMITED VALUE OF CONGO'S CLOSE
ASSOCIATION WITH COMMUNIST STATES AND WAS NOW LOOKING
FOR OTHER OPTIONS TO SUPPLEMENT SOVIET AND CHINESE TIES.
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